Non-availability of medicines in CGHS dispensary, Laxmi Bai Nagar

†*297. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special medicines are not being indented by CGHS dispensary No. 15, Laxmi Bai Nagar;

(b) if so, whether the main reason is that the term of contract of the previous supplier of indented medicines is over, thus forcing CGHS beneficiaries to procure medicines from open market;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(d) the details of pending bills of pensioners, month-wise and by when such bills would be cleared for payment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Adequate quantity of medicines is available in CGHS dispensaries. However, any drug prescribed by the specialist and not available in dispensary is made available to the beneficiary from the Authorized Local Chemist on the basis of individual prescription. In the case of CGHS dispensaries which do not have any authorized local chemist attached to them, the CGHS beneficiaries (including pensioner beneficiaries) are permitted to purchase the medicines from the open market for which reimbursement is made by the Government.

(b) and (c) The contract with the Authorised Local Chemists appointed under CGHS Delhi which had expired on 31st May, 2005, has since been extended for a period of three months on the same terms and conditions. M/s. Bhutani Medicos, the CGHS Authorised Local Chemist who was last supplying local purchase medicines to the CGHS dispensary Laxmi Bai Nagar has not accepted the offer of CGHS for extension of the contract period and has therefore, stopped supply of local purchase indent medicines to the dispensary. As such, a contingency plan has been put into place allowing the CMO In-charge of the dispensary to permit beneficiaries to purchase medicines not available in the dispensary from the open market and thereafter claim reimbursement from the Government.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) The details of pending medical claims of CGHS pensioner cardholders attached to CGHS dispensary Laxmi Bai Nagar is given below:—

Month	Number of claims received	Number of claims sent to P&AO for payment	Under process
June, 2005	2990	2990	NIL
July, 2005	3420	2259	1161
August, 2005, till date	810	NIL	810

Receipt and disposal of medical claims under CGHS is a continuous process.

Promoting Inter-cropping

*298. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued an advisory to States for promoting best farm practices to maximize production in the ensuing Kharif (paddy) season;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have called for inter-cropping for higher returns and risk coverage to the farmers;

(d) if so, whether Government would bear the risk if the farmers do not get sufficient profits in changing their crops; and

(e) if so, the proposed package of reimbursement to be given to the farmers in case they lose their crops due to these reasons?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has been issuing advisories to States for promoting best farm practices among the farmers, to maximize production during the Kharif season 2005. These advisories have also been placed on the web site of the Ministry of Agriculture, and given wider coverage through print and electronic media.